

CONVOCAATION SET FOR THIS MORNING

Judge H. Walton Mitchell To Address Student Body at Eleven-thirty in Schwab Auditorium

The Honorable H. Walton Mitchell will welcome the students to Penn State at the seventy-first annual convocation...

For the first time in the history of the recent years of Penn State, tradition that the ceremonies be held on the Wednesday when Penn State opens its doors, was broken.

Judge Mitchell will be the principal speaker of the morning, and while he has not made his subjects known, they are certain to be issues which will affect the College at large.

The convocation program will be opened by an organ prelude, followed by a prayer by Chaplain Frazer Metzger. Dr. Metzger is also expected to give a short opening address to those attending the convocation...

Dean R. L. Watts of the School of Agriculture, who is also the senior dean of the College, will preside over the meeting. This part of the convocation was formerly in charge of the president The Council of Administration, together with members of the faculty...

NITTANY MENTOR CALLS OUT LACROSSE PLAYERS

Stickmen Will Be Drilled in Fundamentals—Handling Ball Important

Realizing that the weakness of the Penn State lacrosse team lies in its inability to handle the ball accurately and swiftly and its nervousness to the game, Coach Leonard has issued a call for varsity and freshman candidates to report at the Army Monday evening at four o'clock for a drill in fundamentals and consequent practice in stickwork.

Because the Nittany lacrosse mentor will be occupied most of the time this fall with the soccer team, Captain-elect Hackett will assist in the work and have temporary charge of practice. He said that ten candidates for attack positions center around Emory Shanks who will hold the pivot position. Hackett, Edmonds, Gesevite, Braid, and possibly Buckley, when he returns, are the remaining men from last year's offensive.

Prospects in the way of material for a winning combination look well although there are several vacant positions, particularly that of goal which was ably defended by Haskins during the 1925 season. Veteran candidates for attack positions center around Emory Shanks who will hold the pivot position. Hackett, Edmonds, Gesevite, Braid, and possibly Buckley, when he returns, are the remaining men from last year's offensive.

Of the defense which Coach Leonard developed in building up the team, Cook, Wendell, Souman, Welker and House have returned to College. House will be prevented from entering the early fall work-outs because of football.

Material Here Coach Leonard believes that there are many lacrosse players attending Penn State if they can only persuade themselves that it can be done by his theory of constant practice and study of the game. The Lion mentor came to this institution from Williams college where he made a great success

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YEARLINGS HOLD MASS MEETINGS

Monday Assemblage Devoted to Discussion of Penn State Student Government

Closing the successful introduction of an opening period dedicated to the training of the incoming class, two mass meetings were staged Monday and Tuesday nights in the Auditorium as a sweeping finish to the first Freshman Week ever held at Penn State.

The meeting held Monday night was devoted entirely to the class of 1929. D. D. Henry, president of the senior class, presided at the meeting, at which Dean Sackett, Chaplain Metzger, P. M. Schaefer '26, W. J. Gorman, '28, president of the sophomore class, and Jules Prevost, '26, spoke. The speakers had as their topics some phase of student government at Penn State which familiarized the men and women entering the College with the organization.

Following the meeting, E. V. Roberts '26, head cheer-leader, and his assistants conducted a cheering practice for the yearlings.

Symbolic of former athletic mass meetings, the team, "Bez," "Dutch" Heimann, Dean Holbrook and nine hundred freshmen commingled in the Auditorium on the following evening for the purpose of acquainting the new men with the attitude of Penn State men on the field. Jules Prevost, president of the Athletic Association, presided at the meeting, each of the speakers with appropriate and fitting commendations.

Dean Holbrook spoke of the loyalty and interest of the faculty in the progress and success of all the teams during their contests. "Dutch" stressed the need of support of the yearling guiders by the class. Continuing, he said that there was a noticeable reaction on the morale of any team to the cheers from the sidelines.

YEARLINGS MASTER PENN STATE YELLS AND SONGS

Freshmen Rehearse Class Song For Opening Grid Battle With Lebanon Valley

With the opening game of the football season only a few days away the staff of cheerleaders, led by "Gene" Roberts, is making a determined effort to train the freshmen in the various College yells and songs. Because the distribution of freshman handbooks has been delayed, some difficulty has been experienced in doing this. In spite of this, however, the new men are making good progress and have already mastered the principal songs and most of the yells.

A little surprise has been worked up by the yearlings for the first game which will be in the form of a light musical selection. The freshmen are co-operating with the cheerleaders in every way and it is hoped that after their many rehearsals, they will be able to make a good showing at the opening games on the twenty-sixth of September.

A call has been issued for sophomore candidates for the cheerleading staff and all men who are interested are asked to report at once to E. V. Roberts at the Tau Phi Delta house. The training class for these men will be started as soon as a sufficient number has been listed.

COLLEGIAN CALLS 1928 REPORTERS

Sophomore candidates for positions on the editorial staff are requested to report to the COLLEGIAN office Tuesday night at seven o'clock.

VARSIITY GRIDMEN DRILL IN SECRET ON MUDDY FIELD

Practically Unchanged Varsity and Scrub Teams Battle On Soggy Gridiron

SECRET PRACTICE SIGNS MARK PATHS TO FIELD Only Seven Practice Sessions Remain Before Opening Tilt of Season

With but seven days of practice remaining before the initial gridiron clash of the season with the Lebanon Valley aggregation, Coach Bezdek is utilizing every available moment in preparing his 1925 eleven for the coming season. Secret practice signs have been posted on all approaches to New Beaver Field and Bez continues to grill more than fifty men in new plays and the rudiments of the game.

A heavy rainfall Wednesday afternoon gave Bez his first opportunity to use the men as "mud horses." Ankle-deep mud covered both practice fields and uniforms were colored drab when the men finally emerged from scrimmage.

Practically unchanged first and second team lineups have been brought together every afternoon during the week, although registration days kept many men from practice. Dangerfield has recovered from several bruises and is at present practicing with the scrubs while Lungren had an "off-day" Wednesday and did not don the moleskins. The injured toe of Captain Gray's left foot is healing slowly and may be a week before he will be sufficiently recovered to take his berth at center.

Two-Hour Scrimmages On Tuesday afternoon, the temporary varsity and second team scrimmaged for almost two hours before the former managed to break through the scrubs' defense to score a touchdown. Neither combination was able to make appreciable gains and for the most part, nothing but line bucks were used. Toward the end of the afternoon the varsity began a terrific offense which resulted in Bergman's plunging across the opposing goal.

Cleats were useless Wednesday afternoon and the backs were unable to slip away from the inmenes of the opposition. Soggy and mushy ground with small puddles here and there kept the ball in action in the air, and it was only the scrubs who were (Continued on last page)

PROSPECTIVE SCHEDULE MADE FOR RIFLE TEAM

A schedule of sixteen prospective matches has been drawn up for the varsity rifle team by Lieutenant Miller, who will assist coach the Penn State marksmen. A short practice was held last night and plans were completed for an intensive course of instruction for the candidates. All men interested in both gallery rifle and service rifle shooting are asked to report to Lieutenant Miller at once.

The R. O. T. C. rifle team will compete in about twelve contests this year, while the co-ed representative shooters will match their marksmanship in six days. Freshman candidates will not report until the first week in December after the regular period of instruction in musketry has been completed.

Yearlings Furnish Entertainment for Sophomores as Customs First Appear

Each first night of College in September finds a few erring green-caps loitering around Co-op corner—and that first night finds those few doing all manner of things they have never done before.

Wednesday evening, the loiterers few didn't have a chance to get as far as the corner—they were too busy holding the attention of the moviegoers. The Pastime may have been noisy inside, but those on the outside didn't hear any boos issuing forth. Instead, they issued inward!

George Leonard—poor boy—was the important man of the evening. The Lion of the hour, so to speak. Throughout the entire performance, he kept the crowd with him.

The toughest, sophomorees were out in force. Although the sandpapered appendages were smooth enough to be covered by collars, said toughnecks were too smooth to allow "Smooth George" to get home.

Hill-and-dalers Begin Season's Work Today

Reconsidering his decision that cross-country candidates would not be requested to report until next week, Coach Nate Gartmell today issues a call for all Varsity hill-and-dale candidates to report at New Beaver Field this afternoon. Early practice will be inaugurated for the upperclassmen so that on Tuesday, when the 1928 team are called, Nate may be able to leave the Varsity for the time being and spend several afternoons in conditioning the freshmen.

Captain K. B. Barclay, undefeated in dual meets in two years and last year runner-up in the intercollegiate two-mile, will lead the Blue and White on the scenic course this week. The six players who will be picked from Stewart, Johnson, Fournere, Oldfield, Kitz, O. Smith, Chandler, Haskins, Rankin, Davis and Osterling.

The opening tilt of the fall does not take place until October twenty-fourth, when the Lions go up against the strong Syracuse combination. On November seventh, the Nittany runners will engage the team from the University of Pittsburgh and on November twenty-third will take part in the intercollegiate championship in New York.

PLAYERS PLAN FOR MANY PRODUCTIONS

Program for Year to Include Mystery, Comedy, Drama and Farce Numbers

DRAMATISTS ARRANGE FOR EXTENSIVE TRIPS

Farce, comedy, drama and mystery—these will be the scope of the Penn State Players' activities for the coming year. The players have already announced for production the following: "Charles' Aunt," a well-known comedy; "First Year," a comedy of domestic life; "The Goose Hangs High," which typifies college life; a revival of a Shakespearean play, probably "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; a mystery production to be selected later; and several one-act sketches.

Extensive tours are being arranged and already contracts have been effected with organizations of twelve different cities in the state. The first trip will be made early in November. In order to fill the numerous vacancies caused by graduation, try-outs will be held during the coming week as follows: Tuesday evening, seven to eight-thirty o'clock, juniors and seniors; Wednesday, during the same hour, sophomores, and Thursday, freshmen. All regularly enrolled students, men and women, are eligible to participate in the try-outs.

The trials will be held in the Players' studio which is located on the third floor of the Schwab auditorium above the stage. Freshmen who desire to assist in stage work are requested to report at the studio on Thursday evening at six forty-five o'clock.

During the past year the Penn State Players were lauded for their excellent presentations in every part of the state. The organization regards its activities of last year as the most successful season since its organization five years ago. During this period the Players have staged twenty-eight complete plays and twenty-one one-act productions.

SEMINARY HEAD TO GIVE SUNDAY CHAPEL ADDRESS

Reverend Richards, Prominent Reformed Theologian, Has Had Wide Experience

Returning to Penn State after a lapse of several years the Rev. G. W. Richards, president of the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster, will address the students in the first regular Sunday chapel services. Besides being the chief executive he is the only professor of church history at the seminary.

Reverend Richards received his early education at Franklin and Marshall college where he obtained his degree in the school of fine arts. Following this he traveled to Germany where he did graduate work. Returning from the foreign field he entered the theological seminary at Lancaster of which he is now the president.

Before accepting the pastorate of the Reformed church in Washington, D. C., he took a trip around the world, spending considerable time in Japan. While on this trip around the world he was elected president of the General Synod.

THESPIAN CLUB TO HOLD CONTEST FOR STUDENT COMEDIES

Penn State Organization Will Select Best Production for Presentation

PRIZE AND ROYALTY ARE AWARDS FOR BEST PLAY One Long Tour Scheduled This Year Instead of Shorter Trips of Last Year

Following the policy adopted last year, the Thespian Club will again get away to an early start and will begin active work on the selection of a musical comedy to be presented during the coming season. A prize-winning contest will be held to obtain a play complete with lyrics.

The play contest will be open to the entire student body as in the past two years and the author of the winning play will be awarded with the prize of one hundred and fifty dollars in addition to royalties. A total of fifty dollars for every presentation after the sixth performance will be given to the playwright. However, if only parts of the play and lyrics are selected and the works of other authors added, the prize and royalties will be divided proportionately.

The comedy submitted must be typed off on one side only of regulation manuscript paper and should contain the music score as well as the script. All manuscripts should be in the hands of either G. E. Bumfield '26, at the Delta Ursion house or W. R. Weidner '26 at the Alpha Sigma Phi house, before October fifteenth.

Plans for Trip Instead of taking a number of short trips and an eastern and western tour at different times of the year, the club will take one long trip throughout the state during the Easter vacation. This plan will greatly reduce the number of rehearsal necessary.

At the Thespian founder's day banquet held last spring an organization composed of former members of the club was formally established and will be known as the Thespians. A constitution was drawn up by R. H. Smith, controller of the College, and was approved and accepted by the organization. The purpose of the society will be to facilitate the sale of tickets on road showings by aiding in publicity work and to entertain the cast while on tour.

1928 MEN REPORT FOR CHEERLEADERS

All sophomores interested in trying out for the cheer-leading staff are requested to communicate at once with the head cheerleader, "Gene" Roberts, at the Tau Phi Delta house. The training school will start as soon as the candidates are listed.

'Y' Entertains Class of '29 on Campus Tonight

Leading Students in Campus Activities To Be Present at Elaborate and Novel Affair

DEAN SOUNDS DEATH KNELL FOR MOTORS

In conformance with the College regulation as to student automobiles, those students who brought automobiles here for the opening of the year must send them home before Monday, September 28. This year any student who persists in violating this rule will be suspended from classes until his automobile is sent away.

A. R. WARNOCK, Dean of Men.

1929 GRID COACH SELECTS ELEVEN

Temporary Teams Formed in Preparation for Practice Game On Saturday

Following a week of hard practice the yearling grid squad is beginning to assume definite form with the selection of temporary first and second elevens. With over a score of fast, heavy tarp fighting for positions the personnel of the first team is still uncertain.

Preliminary work in charring, blocking and tackling for the line and passing and punting for the backs has taken up the greater part of the practice sessions this fall, but starting Saturday Dutch will begin daily scrimmaging. The last few days have been spent in preparation for the coming battles with simple plays, line scrimmaging and gridiron technique occupying the time.

Terminal Berths Uncertain While Delp and Marcus are at present occupying the terminal positions on the first lineup the work of Decker and Culler is nearly on the same plane. Delp and Decker are of the tall, rangy type and tip the scales at about one hundred and seventy while Marcus and Culler are of a much smaller build.

At Lakes on the first eleven Dutch now has McAndrews, a heavy-set lad, well over one hundred and eighty pounds in weight and Sonderburg, another husky warrior with an ideal build for a tackle. Bannister, a second team player, however, promises to give both men a battle for one of the berths. The guard candidates help to bring up the average weight of the team with Moore and Hillen defending the line at those positions. Mathieu, a tall, rangy player is the best bet at guard on the second team.

At the snapper-back position the outcome is still uncertain, but with four capable candidates striving for the post the Nittany coach is not (Continued on last page)

COLLEGE WILL CONDUCT FARM MACHINERY TESTS

Professor H. B. Josephson To Conduct Experiments in Power and Lighting

Penn State's School of Agriculture again sets a precedent for other institutions to follow with the appointment of H. B. Josephson as an assistant professor in farm machinery to conduct an experiment to determine how to reduce the cost of power and lighting operations in power farming. Professor Josephson is a graduate of Saskatchewan university and Iowa State college.

This is the first institution in the country to conduct an experiment of this kind. According to Prof. R. U. Blasinger, head of the department of farm machinery, the prime purpose is to obtain some substantial reduction in the experimental power farming work.

The experiment will be in every way practical and will be used in a regular four-year rotation of corn, oats, wheat and hay. A recent survey of farm conditions in Lancaster county showed that power and labor constituted sixty-five per cent of the total cost of raising a crop of corn. Interest, depreciation, taxes, insurance, seed, fertilizer and marketing comprised the other thirty-five per cent.

SALE OF TICKETS FOR 'Y' COURSE CONTINUES

Famous Musical Comedy Will Be Big Attraction—Many Good Seats Unsold

Returns from the "Y" entertainment course ticket sale which has been in progress for the past few days have shown that the students are taking an interest and appreciate the efforts of the Y. M. C. A. However, all the tickets have not been sold and the seats are still on sale, since the "Y" expects to have capacity crowds at each of the performances.

A public sale of tickets will be conducted at Co-op Monday and Tuesday, but in the meantime seats may be secured at the "Y" Hut today and tomorrow from nine o'clock in the morning till five o'clock in the afternoon. Many of the good seats are still available and those wishing them should visit the Hut immediately. Season ticket prices are three, four and five dollars.

One of the main attractions of the course will be "The Cotten's Saturday Night," a musical comedy written and directed by John Daniels and produced by the famous Scottish Musical Comedy company. This company was organized in order that Daniels could produce his own sketches based on the poems, songs and prose of Scotland. Because so many songs are introduced the members of the cast, all Scottish people, were selected for vocal as well as acting ability.

The company was an immediate success after its first sketch, "The Cotten's Saturday Night," was given a hearty approval. For this reason John Daniels has selected this comedy as the one to be presented in the Auditorium.

The scene for the sketch is a cotten's home in Scotland. It is a Saturday night, the cotten and his wife are seated by the fire, the son and daughter come home from a week's work, the land's son comes to court the daughter and a humorous neighbor also drops in—the evening is spent in song and story. Such at the Scottish Musical Comedy company adds humor and wit.

"The Green Hat"—Roadway to State College